Some may wonder why Singapore was not more strongly defended. The answer is that until recently Britain was at full stretch defending herself against Germany and Italy, and had to trust to the American fleet as the mainstay in the Far East. We know of the treacherous blow which so unexpectedly weakened that fleet for the time being. Its strength will be restored, and the tide in the Far East will turn.

The loss of Singapore is hard to bear, but this is a world war and as a world war is only just starting. Though we feel the loss of Singapore terribly because it affects each one of us, we have to realise that compared with June 1940 or even August 1941 when Mr. Churchill and Roosevelt met in the Atlantic, our prospects generally have much improved. Three-fourths of the world's population is combined against the aggressors, whose most powerful weapon the German Army, has been halted and driven back by the Gallant Red Army. The mighty American industrial machine is beginning its task of turning our munitions and ships on a vast scale. Dark clouds now surround us. But fair weather is ahead. So let us remain calm and determined, resolved that come what may we will do all that lies in us, along with our staunch allies in China, in U. S. A., in Russia and in the British Common-wealth, to defeat the forces of evil arrayed against us.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE—GRANT OF ADDITIONAL GRANTS—INFORMATION REGARDING

136. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) the names of Industrial Schools to which grant was first given or additional grant was given in the last three years;

(*b*) the amount of grant or additional grant given per annum in the case of each such school;

(*c*) the subjects that are being taught by the teachers towards whose pay fresh or additional grant was or is being paid?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) (1) St. Joseph's Industrial School, Chethikode (2) Industrial School, Arimpur and (3) R.L.V. Industrial School, Trippunittura. The above schools were given additional grants also.

(*b*) Grant of Rs. 150 per annum to Nos. 1 and 2 from 1st Chingam 1115 and a lump sum grant of Rs. 240 in 1114 and Rs. 265 in 1115 to the R.L.V. Industrial School, Trippunittura were first given. Additional grants of Rs. 90 per annum to the Industrial Schools, Chethikode and Arimpur and Rs. 95 to the R.L.V. Industrial School, Trippunittura from 1st Chingam 1116, were also sanctioned.

(*c*) (1) Industrial School, Chethikode—Weaving.

(2) Do. Arimpur — Weaving and mat-making.

(3) Do. Trippunittura—Weaving, needle-work subjects and painting.

REQUEST FOR AID—INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVES, KUNNAMKULAM—ORDERS REGARDING

137. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they have passed orders on the request for aid, dated 17th May 1941, made to them by the Manager of the Industrial Institute for Defectives, Kunnamkulam?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—STRENGTH OF

138. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether there is an Institute for Defectives; its strength?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is an "Industrial Institute for Defectives" at Kunnamkulam. Its strength is four.

ALLEGED DEFALCATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—ENQUIRY INTO

139. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the enquiry on the alleged defalcation in the Agricultural Department stated to have commenced on receipt of a report in the Huzur Secretariat on 6th March 1941 (Please vide Legislative Council Proceedings of Tuesday, 29th July 1941, answers to questions 1 and 2) is over;

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